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## MSP Gathers With Community For Faith & Blue Events Across Maryland

(PIKESVILLE, MD) – Maryland State Police joined faith-based organizations and law enforcement agencies across the state to celebrate National Faith & Blue Weekend, which took place Oct. 7-10, 2022.

National Faith & Blue Weekend was a collaborative initiative that built bridges and broke down biases through activities and outreach amongst law enforcement professionals and the communities they serve.

The weekend was based on the premise that strong communities are built on mutual respect, trust and understanding. Law enforcement entities

and faith-based groups are key pillars of a local community, and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive.

Maryland State Police embraced this concept and had close to a dozen events planned everywhere from Western Maryland to the Baltimore region to the Eastern Shore. This included bulb planting in Baltimore County, a prayer breakfast in Centerville, a church service in Huntington and a cookout in Cumberland.

Troopers gathered with communities of many faiths with the goal of realizing effective police-community engagement.

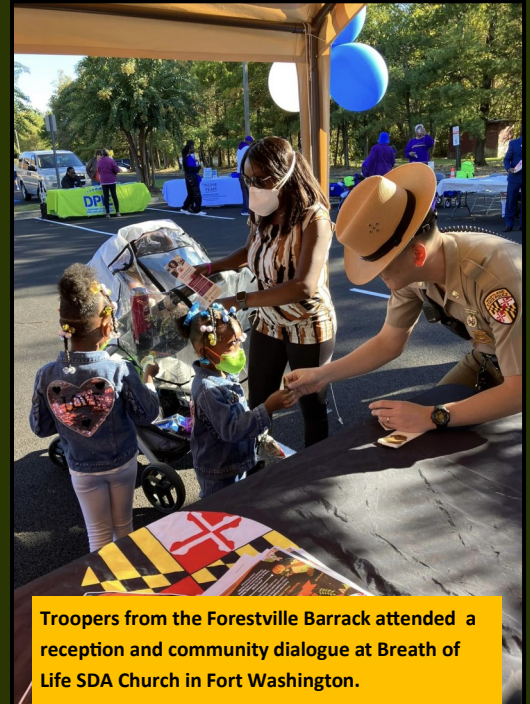


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## PHOTOS: MSP Celebrates Faith & Blue Events



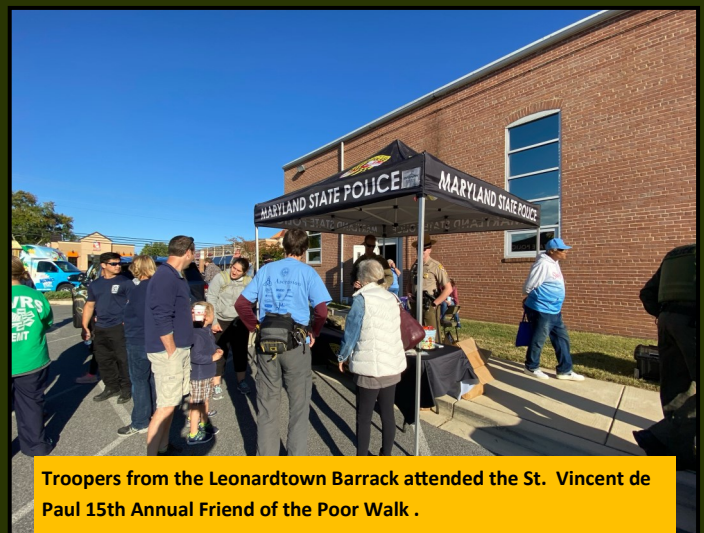
Troopers from the La Plata Barrack joined with the La Plata Police Department for an event at the community's Town Hall.



Troopers from the Forestville Barrack attended a reception and community dialogue at Breath of Life SDA Church in Fort Washington.



Troopers from the Cumberland Barrack attended a cookout with a hayride at LaVale Baptist Church.



Troopers from the Leonardtown Barrack attended the St. Vincent de Paul 15th Annual Friend of the Poor Walk.





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## Trooper To Be Honored For ‘Courage Under Fire’ For Saving Life Of Tow Truck Operator

American Towman Magazine & Expositions will honor Trooper First Class Jason Reid, assigned to the Rockville Barrack, for his actions in saving the life of a tow truck operator earlier this year in Montgomery County.

The Towman Commendation will read, “Courage Under Fire” to recognize TFC Reid's actions and courageous professionalism.

TFC Reid is the first law enforcement officer in the 33-year history of the program to receive the American Towman Commendation Medal. The award will be officially presented at a ceremony this month in Baltimore during the 33rd American Towman Exposi-

tion.

Shortly before 10:30 a.m. on May 23, 2022, TFC Reid was on the scene of a motor vehicle crash on the ramp from eastbound I-495 to southbound Colesville Road (US 29) in Silver Spring, Maryland.

According to investigators, a tow truck operator was on the scene working on removing the vehicles involved in the crash. The tow truck driver, a 51-year-old male, was working on getting a Chevrolet Equinox onto the back of his tow truck.

While the driver was attempting to attach the winch to the underside of the vehicle, the Chevrolet Equinox slipped off the back of the tow



Trooper First Class Jason Reid

truck bed and fell on top of him. TFC Reid saw what happened, and despite having no previous training on the equipment, he was able to use the tow truck's controls to lower the tow truck's bed to the ground and re-position it underneath the front of the Chevrolet Equinox. TFC Reid then used the rear of the tow truck's bed to lift the car off of the victim and then pull him away from the vehicle.

The driver was transported to was transported to Suburban Hospital for treatment of his injuries.





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## Maryland's DNA Database Records 10,000th Total Hit

(PIKESVILLE, MD) – Colonel Woodrow W. Jones III, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police, last month announced the latest milestone for Maryland's DNA database, supporting its role as an invaluable tool to law enforcement in the ongoing effort to reduce crime, apprehend criminals, and exonerate the innocent.

Maryland's DNA database, housed at the State Police Forensic Sciences Division laboratory, has now recorded 10,000 positive comparisons, or "hits," as they are commonly referred to.

A positive comparison occurs when DNA obtained from a crime victim or scene is matched with either DNA from a known offender sample or DNA from another crime scene. Matches occur using CODIS, the Combined DNA Index System, which enables access to both the Maryland DNA database and the National DNA database.

In September, scientists at the Maryland State Police Forensic Sciences Division forwarded information to investigators with Homeland Security Investigations and the Prince George's County Police Department that the 10,000th positive DNA comparison through the use of Maryland's DNA database was connected to an open 2020 drug case they are



investigating.

The case dates back to June 2020, when law enforcement interdicted a parcel containing a kilogram of fentanyl. During a subsequent search warrant at a location related to the investigation, law enforcement seized additional narcotics and drug distribution materials.

During the search, a respirator that contained fentanyl residue was seized and subsequently swabbed for DNA. The DNA profile matched that of a male in-

dividual whose DNA was collected and added to the State of Maryland DNA Database after a previous conviction for a drug offense.

This hit demonstrates how the DNA database plays a crucial role in solving crimes from older unsolved cases as well as from cases that cross jurisdictions and borders. More specific details in this case cannot be made known at this time because the investigation is ongoing and the suspect has not been charged.

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## DNA: MSP Crime Laboratory Celebrates Milestone

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Maryland's DNA database was established by law in 1994 and the first positive comparison occurred in 1998. It was eight years later, in August 2006, when State Police scientists reached the 500th hit.

Twenty-three months later, the 1,000th hit was recorded in July 2008. Fifteen months later, in October 2009, another 500 positive comparisons were reached.

The 2,000th positive comparison mark was reached in January 2011. The 3,000th positive comparison was made in June of 2013. The 4,000th positive comparison occurred in May 2015.

The 5,000<sup>th</sup> positive comparison was made in September 2016. The 6,000<sup>th</sup> positive comparison was made in January 2018. The 7,000<sup>th</sup> positive comparison was made in April 2019, followed the 8,000<sup>th</sup> in July 2020 and the 9,000<sup>th</sup> in July 2021.

As of October 2022, there were 141,572 Maryland convicted offender DNA profiles in CODIS. Current Maryland law requires all persons convicted of a felony, fourth degree burglary, or breaking/entering of a motor vehicle to submit a DNA sample that becomes part of the DNA database.



On January 1, 2009, legislation took effect that requires those arrested and charged with qualifying violent crimes, or 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree burglaries and attempts to commit those crimes, to submit a DNA sample.

These type of samples are called "arrestee samples" and hits to these samples are referred to as "arrestee hits." As of October 2022, there were 51,599 DNA profiles from arrestee samples in the Maryland DNA database. In addition to recording the 10,000<sup>th</sup> total hit, Maryland's DNA database has now recorded

1,480 arrestee hits.

The success of the statewide DNA database is due to the diligent efforts and cooperation of many individuals. They include the personnel of the Maryland State Police Forensic Sciences Division and those in local police DNA laboratories, as well as the cooperative collection efforts by the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth and Victim Services, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, sheriff's offices and detention centers across the state, and Maryland's district and circuit court systems.



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## Aviation Crew Rescues Injured Hunter In Howard Co.

(ELLICOTT CITY, MD) – Troopers from the Maryland State Police Aviation Command (MSPAC) performed an aerial hoist rescue on an injured hunter who fell from a tree stand in Ellicott City.

Shortly after 8 a.m. on Oct. 7, units from Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services (HCDFRS) requested Maryland State Police – Aviation Command to medevac an injured hunter who had fallen between 20 and 30 feet from a tree stand in a heavily wooded and remote area of the Cascade Falls Trail in Ellicott City. The hunter was in severe pain with several rib fractures and a possible pelvic fracture.

The aviation crew from Washington Section, Trooper 2, based out of Joint Base Andrews Air Force Base, configured the helicopter for an aerial hoist rescue and responded to the scene. While en route, it

was determined that an ATV would not be able to reach the patient. Due to the extended distance and extrication coupled with the patient's significant injuries, it was requested that Trooper 2 hoist the patient out of the wooded area and transport the patient.

As the pilots located the extrication site in the wooded area, the pilots maneuvered the Augusta AW-139 helicopter into a steady 150-foot hover. A state trooper/flight paramedic was deployed from the helicopter to the wooded area where the injured hiker was located.

The trooper flight paramedic performed an assessment and used a PEP bag to package the patient with the assistance of HCDFRS personnel. The patient was hoisted into the helicopter where Trooper 2 transitioned to a medevac and flew the patient to the R Adams

Cowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore.

The Maryland State Police Aviation Command staffs each helicopter with two pilots and two state trooper/medical clinicians. The MSPAC has served Maryland citizens since 1970 and operates a fleet of 10 AW139 helicopters from seven bases throughout the State. Each aircraft provides coverage 24/7/365 to Maryland residents and visitors.

The MSPAC missions include medevac, law enforcement, search and rescue, homeland security, and disaster assessment. The success of the aerial rescues and all missions performed by the Aviation Command depends a great deal on monthly, quarterly, and annual proficiency training and is a cooperative effort with allied agencies and our partners at the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Park Police.



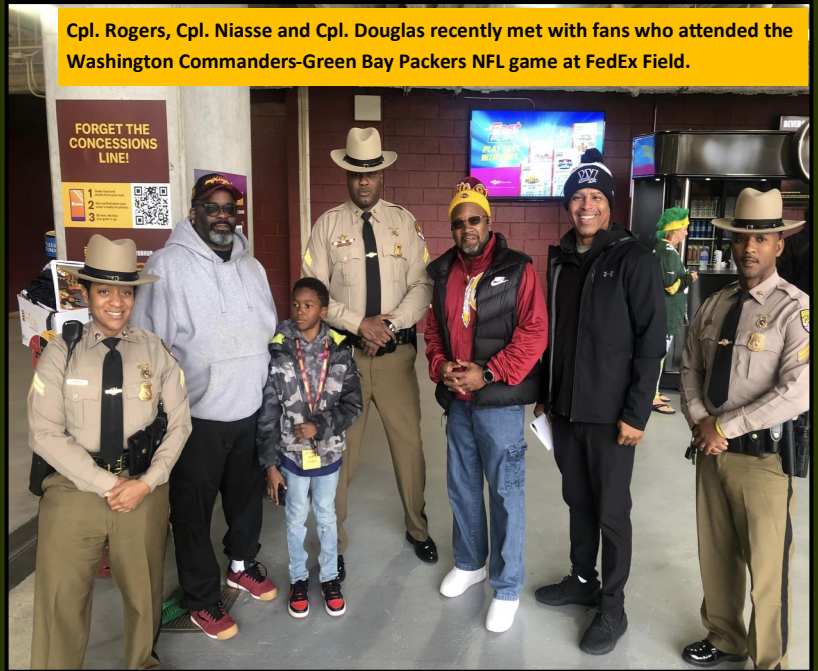


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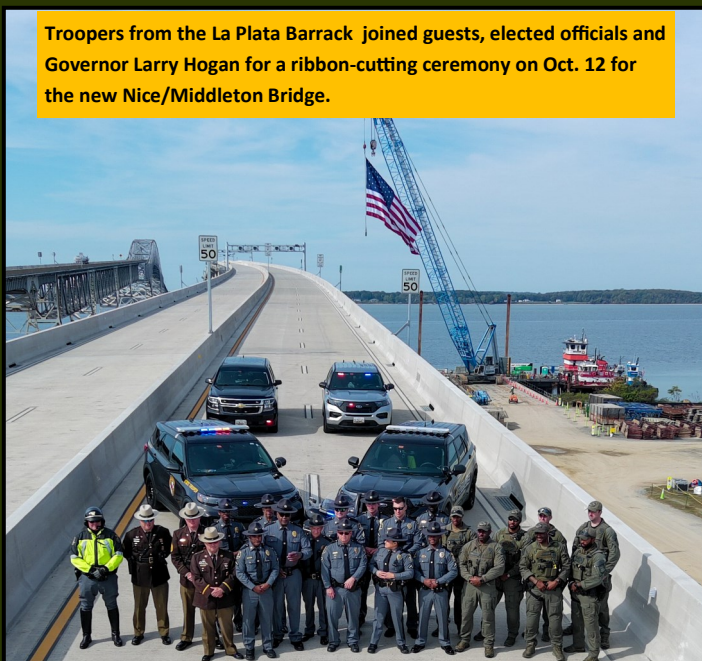
## MSP Making A Difference In The Community



The 100 Club of Anne Arundel County awarded the Al Brandt Award on Oct. 17 to TFC Allen of the Glen Burnie Barrack for his dedication to law enforcement.



Cpl. Rogers, Cpl. Niasse and Cpl. Douglas recently met with fans who attended the Washington Commanders-Green Bay Packers NFL game at FedEx Field.



Troopers from the La Plata Barrack joined guests, elected officials and Governor Larry Hogan for a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 12 for the new Nice/Middleton Bridge.



On Oct. 29, Trooper Ware, who is assigned to the Forestville Barrack, attended the International Council of Women in Law Enforcement second annual "Blessing of the Badge Service and First Responder Appreciation Day."



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## PHOTOS: 'War On The Shore' Kickball Tournament Raises \$4K For Special Olympians



**The Maryland State Police Centreville Barrack was joined last month by the Annapolis and Easton barracks, along with troopers from the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division and Criminal Enforcement Division to participate in the annual "War on the Shore" Kickball Tournament to benefit Upper Shore Special Olympics. The event, which took place at the Route 18 Park in Queen Anne's County, raised \$4,215 for their cause.**

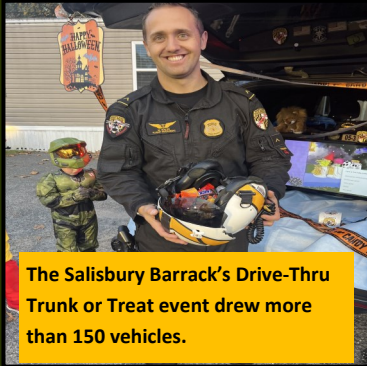






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## PHOTOS: MSP Celebrates Halloween 2022



The Salisbury Barrack's Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat event drew more than 150 vehicles.



Children got to check out an MSP motorcycle at our Family Friendly Fall Job Fair in Pikesville.



The College Park Barrack attended Glenarden Police Department's Trunk or Treat Event.



The La Plata Barrack had fun Trunk or Treating at Connect Church.



MSP HQ hosted a Family Friendly Fall Job Fair on Oct. 29 in Pikesville.



Hundreds of people turned out to the "Not-So-Scary" Halloween event in Cumberland.



The Forestville Barrack participated in the Fall Harvest Festival at Antioch Baptist Church.



The K-9 Unit was one of the many units who were on display Oct. 29 at MSP HQ in Pikesville.



The Hagerstown Barrack hosted its 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat Event.



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## Black History Month Display In The Maryland State Police Museum

This Department exists today because of the contributions and commitment of our troopers and civilian personnel who have come before us and those we work with today.

As we continue to move forward, it is critical to record and preserve the rich history of the Maryland State Police. We would not be who we are, or what we are as a Department, without their service and sacrifice.

Thanks to the hard work of many current and retired members of the State Police, our Maryland State Police Museum is now a reality. The museum's collection continues to grow and change as it officially houses the preservation of our history so future generations can continue to properly document our proud history of service.

This past February, Colonel Jones unveiled a new museum display devoted to the celebration of Black History Month. Inside this case were several items temporarily donated by retired and current MSP employees. Since the official unveiling, hundreds of patrons have enjoyed the history lessons captured in the display and provided by generous donations of time devoted to providing oral history using the voices of members of our MSP family, past and present.



The 2022 Black History Month Display will remain at the MSP Museum through Dec. 4, 2022.

The oral interviews can be viewed in the 2022 Black History Month commemorative video, permanently located at <https://www.youtube.com/user/MarylandStatePolice>

It is now time to decommission the 2022 display, return all the donated property to its respective owners and plan for the next Black History Month celebration. For those who have donated property to the 2022 Black History Museum display, thank you for making the time to preserve MSP history.

To coordinate the return of your property, please contact Fran Campbell at 410-653-4212 or

email [mssp.ssb@maryland.gov](mailto:mssp.ssb@maryland.gov). Items will be available for return after Dec. 5, 2022.

If you have not had the opportunity to view the 2022 Black History Month display, please plan your visit to the museum before Dec. 4, 2022 by contacting Fran Campbell at 410-653-4212 or email [mssp.ssb@maryland.gov](mailto:mssp.ssb@maryland.gov).

You may also view the exhibit by attending the MSP Alumni Association holiday open house on December 3, 2022. For more details on the MSPAA open house, contact President Jeannie Mastronardi at 443-754-0160 or email [smastronardi@gmail.com](mailto:smastronardi@gmail.com).





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The old Berlin Barrack was decommissioned in 2018. A new barrack officially opened in 2021

## A Chance To Donate To MSP History In A New Museum Exhibit

Our museum continues to be a work in progress. A new project is on the horizon to celebrate MSP history and the museum needs your help. The project is titled, **East to West: A Home Away from Home -The significance of the Maryland State Police Berlin & Cumberland Barracks to the people of Maryland.**

As the future unfolds for two barracks in the midst of renovations, two new museum displays are underway to document their roles in fulfilling the mission of the Maryland State Police in the communities they have served throughout the last century. Historically, the Berlin Barrack and the Cumberland Barrack have both been integral in the lives of people who

live(d), work(ed) and visit(ed) the barracks. Regarding the past, present and future, this museum project will ultimately underscore the value these barracks have in their respective communities as their stories are told.

Our goal is to use artifacts, objects and stories told by citizens or MSP employees to visually depict the significance of both the Berlin and Cumberland barracks. To preserve their history, we are asking anyone who has a story to tell or has an item to lend or donate for the museum display, to contact the barrack commander.

If you have an item to lend/donate

to the Berlin Barrack display or if you have a story to share, please contact Lt. Earl Starner at [earl.starner@maryland.gov](mailto:earl.starner@maryland.gov) or (410) 641-3101 Ext. 6107.

If you have an item to lend/donate to the Cumberland Barrack display or if you have a story to share, please contact Lt. Jeremy Stonebraker at [jere-my.stonebraker@maryland.gov](mailto:jere-my.stonebraker@maryland.gov) or (301) 729-2101 Ext. 4360.

All artifacts or items must be received by MSP by Dec. 15, 2022 to be included in the new displays. Both displays will be unveiled at the Maryland State Police 102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration in January 2023 at the MSP Museum at Headquarters in Pikesville.

Questions or comments? Email us at [msh.media@maryland.gov](mailto:msh.media@maryland.gov) or call 410-653-4236



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## 2022 Annual Maryland Charity Campaign Continues Through Dec. 12

The Maryland Charity Campaign (MCC) is a workplace charitable giving program that offers State employees and eligible retirees the opportunity to conveniently, securely, and confidently contribute to charities they care about.

This year's MCC runs from Oct. 3 -Dec. 12, 2022. More than 900 charities are participating in the 2022 Campaign. Each has been vetted to ensure it is legitimate, fiscally sound, and performs the services stated.

Last year, 6,400 state employees and retirees joined together to raise \$2,050,426 for participating chari-

ties. This group included more than 2,200 members of the Maryland State Police. The department came together and raised a total of \$70,000. The department's goal this year is \$85,000. As you can see, the MCC is more than a charitable giving campaign – it's the collective effort of thousands of individuals who give back and inspire hope in communities near and far.

This year's MCC theme is "Mountain to Shore – Maryland Strong." The 2022 MCC goal is \$2 million. With your gift, you can protect and support the most vulnerable among us. Participating causes cover issues ranging from

food insecurity and human trafficking to domestic violence, homelessness, health care, the environment and so much more.

A contribution of any amount helps. Every penny adds up, and through the MCC, individual acts of giving become a generosity movement. Thanks to those previous donations, those charities are making an impact with those funds right now in communities throughout Maryland, across the country and around the world. Help us continue that effort heading into 2023.

For more information, visit <https://mcc.maryland.gov/>

Questions or comments? Email us at [mshp.media@maryland.gov](mailto:mshp.media@maryland.gov) or call 410-653-4236